

Mass Workforce Issuance

Workforce Issuance No. 15-13

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To: Chief Elected Officials
Workforce Investment Board Chairs
Workforce Investment Board Directors
Title I Administrators
Career Center Directors
Title I Fiscal Officers
DCS Operations Managers

cc: WIA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: February 24, 2015

Subject: **Services to Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Training**

Purpose: To inform Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators, and other local workforce investment partners of the upcoming Services to Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker (MSFW) Training schedule.

Background: The Wagner-Peyser Act and the implementing regulations (20 CFR 651 – 658) require that the services provided to Migrant Seasonal Farmworkers (MSFWs) by the One-Stop Career Centers (OSCCs) be "qualitatively equivalent and quantitatively proportionate" to the services provided to other jobseekers. The regulations also mandate that the State Monitor Advocate (SMA) ensure continued compliance with the program requirements, and to assist improve the State Workforce Agency (SWA) capacity to deliver services to farmworkers through the One-Stop Career Centers (OSCCs) on an equitable and non-discriminatory manner.

Further, the State Monitor Advocate is required to meet with OSCCs staff and other WIA partners to discuss the state's capability for providing services to MSFWs during the upcoming harvest season.

Accordingly, Managers, Supervisors or other appropriate OSCC front line staffs involved with direct provision of services are ***required*** to attend one of the training sessions.

Registration Information: Please complete the attached registration form listing each attendee, and submit the form to Monet Johnson at MJohnson@detma.org no later than Thursday, March 5, 2015.

Note: Seating is limited to **30 participants** per session and assigned on a first-come first-served basis. Due to limited space, we encourage early registration to accommodate required attendees.

Date:	Location:
Tuesday, March 10 9:30 – 2:00	Fall River Career Center 446 North Main Street Fall River, MA 02720
Wednesday, March 11 9:30 – 2:00	Valleyworks Career Center 439 South Union Street, Building 2, Suite 106, Heritage Rm. South Lawrence, MA 01843
Wednesday, March 18 9:30 – 2:00	Workforce Investment Board 44 Front St., 3rd Floor Worcester, MA 01608

Action

Required: Please share this information with appropriate staff.

Inquiries: Please direct all questions to Jose V. Ocasio at jocasio@detma.org.

Attachment: A: MSFW 2015 Training Registration Form